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| Application No. 10/718,456 |) | INFORMATION DISCLOSURE |
| |) | <u>STATEMENT</u> |
| Filed: November 19, 2003 |) | |
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| For: PHOTODIODE THAT REDUCES THE |) | |
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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